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SUBJ: TOGO ON WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE; GOT NATIONAL
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1. GOT CHIEF DELEGATE TO WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE, SAMON KORTHO, MADE FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO PRESS UPON DELEGATION'S RETURN FROM BUCHAREST: A) CONFERENCE WAS FOR TOGO "EXCELLENT SCHOOL" PERMITTING BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS AND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT; B) WHILE MAJORITY OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SOUGHT TO IMPOSE VIEW THAT FAMILY PLANNING IS PANACEA FOR POPULATION PROBLEMS, THIRD WORLD LED CONFERENCE TO ACCEPT THAT REAL SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS IS THEIR LINKAGE TO GENERAL PLAN FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT; AND C) GOT HAS NOT YET DEFINED POPULATION POLICY.

2. COMMENT: KORTHO'S STATEMENT DOES NOT CONFLICT WITH ASSURANCES THIS WEEK OF GOT MINISTRY OFFICIALS THAT GOVERNMENT ENDORSES PROPOSED TOGO NATIONAL FAMILY HEALTH CENTER AND HAS PROJECTED IT IN NEW FIVE-YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN (1975-80) NOW BEING COMPLETED. GOT HAS CHOSES TO FOCUS ON FAMILY HEALTH AS BROADER, MORE APPROPRIATE APPROACH TO ITS POPULATION CONCERNS. CENTER ENVISAGED AS MULTI-PURPOSE INSTITUTION INVOLVING UN AND BILATERAL DONORS, INCLUDING USG.RAWES

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